

GERMAN AGENTS TRAILED ROOT THRU RUSSIA

American Mission Followed By Spies Who Tried to Wreck Their Train—Identical Arguments of German Spies in Russia and Pacifists in America—Same Quibble Raised.

(This is another of the series by Charles Edward Russell, who has just returned from Russia, where he spent three months as a member of the official United States commission to the new Russian government.)

The night before we landed at Vladivostok a crowd of German agents in that city, most of them recent arrivals from America, held a meeting to denounce the commission, its aims and its membership.

We were coming, they said, as the advance agents of American capitalists to seize Russia, enslave its people and overturn the revolution. If the Russian freedom wished to save Russia and the precious revolution they must arise and never let that commission leave Vladivostok.

The soldiers of Vladivostok heard of this amiable gathering and took a little hand in it. They sent down word that they would be on the spot the next day and would shoot the daylight out of anybody that made any attempt, even the slightest, to interfere with the commission.

So we got thru in peace, the committee which had governed Vladivostok giving us a most cordial welcome. But the German agents were on our trail, nevertheless.

They followed on the next train all the way to Petrograd, alighting at every station platform to tell the people we were a band of financial adventurers come to grab the country and make its people slaves and urging them to prevent our return.

As the people responded only with cheers for America, these heralds of kultur were obliged to take the job in their own hands, resulting in the burning of the bridge at Viatka, and the attempt to burn the train, of which the world knows the whole story.

You see, therefore, that we had hardly set foot on Russian soil before we began to learn what kind of a devilish machinery Germany had set up and how it works subtly and effectively in every country in the world.

It is run by men that know their job and have no end of money for it. They know how to appeal to the altruistic dreams of the Russians and the good nature of the American and get away with both.

They know that the greatest thing in the world, if you want to influence public opinion and get results from it, is to have millions of people repeating the same thing at the same time.

They have therefore organized a system by which at a signal German agents everywhere begin to parrot the same catchwords.

It is like a huge fist that holds ten thousand strings. The fist gives a pull and ten thousand men at the other end hop up in Washington, New York, Milwaukee, Petrograd, Buenos Aires, Peking and the rest, shouting together, "Let us have peace by negotiation!" or "Compel the allies to state their terms!"

The whole thing was as plain as day before us.

Right after the revolution in Russia, when the country was warm with the hope of universal democracy and a feeling of good will to all the world, a thousand German agents ran about the Field of Mars, the trenches and every center and every thought in Russia, crying:

"Why should we fight our brothers? The German people are like all the other peoples of the world, brothers of our. Let us cease to kill our brothers!"

This didn't last very long for a very good reason. Early in the career it was met by Russian soldiers that had escaped from Germany's hell holes of war prisons and they had only to show their scars and tell their stories to put the kibosh on the brotherly love business.

You can't make much of a hit with your praise of German civilization when a broken-down wreck of a soldier gets up after you and tells how he was beaten, kicked, burned, impaled, mutilated and starved by these gentle apostles of peace and fraternal good will.

It also became plain that every

day more Russian people saw the only possible road to the world's peace was by ridding the world of the curse and blight of German militarism, which makes war inevitable. Even the men that at the beginning of the revolution had been fired most with dreams began to see this most absolute truth.

So the next cry was "No annexations, no contributions," which was in full swing when we arrived.

Nobody knew exactly what it meant, but the sound of it was grand and magnanimous, which was enough for half-baked intellectuals in Russia and the United States.

Therefore, at first it had a great run.

After a time, men in whom the thinking faculty was more than rudimentary saw the whole thing must be a device of desperate Germany to save her colonies, and then that too began to fizzle out.

It was followed by "No imperialism! Beware of the imperialistic aims of Great Britain, France and America! Great Britain is fighting merely to get Alsace and Lorraine. The United States is fighting merely to grab more islands! Down with imperialism!"

This went quite well for two weeks and deceived many persons, reaching even to the national council, where folks usually have more sense. The signal had been given: the agents in the trenches and in all the Russian cities were repeating it at the same moment that it was urged by a hundred speakers of the Field of Mars. Notorious German agents from America spouted it coupled with the information that being Americans they knew well the real aims of the United States. It died out before some stern inquiries as to how France was fighting for Alsace and Lorraine when she was ruthlessly invaded, and exactly where lay those islands for the sake of which the United States went in to the war.

Just before we left, the same agents were to be seen running about Petrograd shouting, "Let the allies state their terms of peace! What are we fighting for? Compel all the allies to state their aims!"

And at the same identical moment the same demand, you will remember, was raised in conspicuous places in the United States and was included in the activities of the so-called peace societies that pro-Germans, for their own purposes, are maintaining here.

While I was in Petrograd the able financial department of the provisional government conducted an inquiry into the amount of corruption money Germany had sent into Russia since the revolution and through one channel alone came upon traces of fifty million rubles.

Does Germany send her corruption millions to the United States? Does she have to?

NOVA SCOTIA SCHOONER SUNK BY SUBMARINE

PARRSBORO, N. S., Sept. 10.—News has been received here of the destruction by a German submarine of the Nova Scotia schooner *Minasqueen*, with the loss of all but one of her crew.

KOLB AND BILL THEMSELVES COMING TO THE PAGE, SEPT. 19



Surrounded by a supporting company of unusual excellence, Kolb and Dill, California's favorite dialect comedians, have just completed a San Francisco run that has made history in that city. With the hilariously funny "High Cost of Living" as their vehicle, the Dutch dialecticians have played one hundred and thirty consecutive performances in the metropolis before heading in this direction, a record that rivals their initial run on the coast in "Fiddle De Dee." In fifteen years, no show has scored as heavily on the "Broadway" of the Pacific coast as have Kolb and Dill in their present offering.

That the tall and the short fun-makers were exceedingly fortunate in their choice of "The High Cost of Living" for their stepping stone to

UNFILLED ORDERS FOR STEEL HOLD UP WELL

NEW YORK, Sept. 10.—Unfilled orders of the United States Steel corporation on August 31 were 10,497,949 tons, according to the corporation's monthly statement issued today. This is a decrease of 437,415 tons compared with the orders on July 31.

DALLAS VOTING UPON PROHIBITION

DALLAS, Tex., Sept. 10.—Dallas converts today were balloting for the first time in 14 years on the question of whether the entire county should become "dry." All precincts outside the city of Dallas have been "dry" 25 years, and the last local-option election was held in 1903.

RED-CROSS PRESENTS RUSSIA AMBULANCES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—A gift of 125 motor ambulances and automobiles to Russia is announced by the American Red Cross. The shipment will go forward immediately, consigned to the Red Cross mission sent to Russia two months ago under Dr. Frank Billings. Already nearly half a million dollars' worth of medical and surgical supplies have been sent.

HORSE PACES FIVE MILES IN RECORD TIME

QUEBEC, Sept. 10.—A new world's harness record for a five-mile race was established here on Saturday at the closing of the Quebec exhibition harness meeting, when Marconi paced ten rounds of the half-mile track in 12:00 3/4.

NEGRO TROOPS IN NATIONAL ARMY SEPARATE UNITS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Negro troops of the national army will be organized in separate units, as is done in the regular army, and so far as possible will be trained in the states where they are raised. The call for drafted negroes to mobilize at their camps will be postponed to allow officers at the camp to arrange for the organization of these separate units.

Both white and negro men of the selective forces will be given an opportunity to volunteer to battalions for service on the line of communication, their work being military but not combatant. There also will be, however, fighting regiments of the national army, as there are of the regulars and the national guard.

Of the 687,000 men called for as the first increment of the national army, it is estimated that approximately 70,000 will be negroes.

In all, the army in France will need, it has been estimated, more than 100,000 men behind the lines for use along the roads and railways or on other special work. A great many battalions of both white and negro troops will be necessary for those purposes and the war department feels certain that many of the negroes of the selective draft forces will volunteer for this duty, in order to be sent quickly to France.

ASK MICHAELIS FOR DEMOCRACY

COPENHAGEN, Sept. 9.—The Nachrichten of Hamburg, in discussing the question of peace, says that both the Austrian and German Pan-Germans declare that Austria would be false to herself and to Germany if she advocated a speedy peace based on a renunciation of annexations and indemnities by Germany.

The Nachrichten's Vienna correspondent assails the Vienna Neue Freie Presse, the Zeit and the Sunday and Monday Gazette, all of which have printed articles intimating that Germany is the great obstacle to the conclusion of peace, and calling upon Chancellor Michaelis to put forth a plain, unconditional statement accepting the basis of no annexations or indemnities and to take real steps to introduce a democratic government in Germany.

DUSTIN FARNUM TO BE SEEN AT THE RIALTO

From an outlaw with a price on his head to a 100 per cent citizen is the character portrayed by Dustin Farnum, famous star of stage and screen in the latest William Fox photoplay, "Durand of the Bad Lands," to be shown at The Rialto theatre for two days, beginning Sept. 10.

In this screen drama, Mr. Farnum shows all the virile energy for which

he is so well known. His portrayal of the bad side of Dick Durand's character is the best he has done and he shows the man's softer, nobler instincts with that care-free, rollocking, laughing disposition that has made him a favorite wherever he has appeared.

He saves three kids from Indians who massacre everyone else in the

little settlement. He is blamed for the killings, is caught, tried and convicted. But the governor, whose daughter he has saved, pardons him. Long before, he had fallen in love and the girl's fondness for him turns him into an A-No. 1 man. Mr. Farnum's boyhood life on a farm comes in handy to him in this picture—milking cows particularly.



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